

Senate regarding Federal assistance for elderly and disabled legal immigrants. **Page S2977**

Lott (for Domenici) Amendment No. 42, (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that no points of order, which require 60 votes in order to adopt a motion to waive such point of order, shall be considered to be waived during the consideration of a joint resolution under section 401 of this Act. **Page S2996**

Lott (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 43 (to Amendment No. 42), to establish the level of annual fee for each civilian nuclear power reactor. **Page S2996**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, with final disposition to occur thereon on Tuesday, April 15, 1996, and pursuant to the agreement, the cloture vote scheduled for Friday, April 11, 1997, on Amendment No. 26, listed above, was vitiated. **Pages S2995-96**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, April 14, 1997.

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Pete Peterson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. **Pages S3001-10, S3066**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total-39) **Pages S2962-63, S2987, S2994-95**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, April 14, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3066.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann Jorgenson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the

Farm Credit Administration Board, and Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominees, who were introduced by Representative Boswell, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEA/FBI/INS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 16.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Indian Gaming Commission, receiving testimony from Ada Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 17.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (NEXTEA)

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the fiscal year 1998 funding implications of the Administration's National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act (NEXTEA) Surface Transportation Reauthorization proposal, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Darrel Rensink, Iowa Department of Transportation, Des Moines, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; William D. Fay, American Highway Users Alliance, John J. Collins, American Trucking Associations, and William W. Millar, American Public Transit Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Frederick L. Gruel, AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, Trenton, on behalf of the American Automobile Association; and Harry W. Blunt, Jr., Concord Trailways, Concord,

New Hampshire, on behalf of the American Bus Association.

#### **AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on science and technology research, receiving testimony from Charles M. Vest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Rodney A. Erickson, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; Dan C. Heinemeier, Electronic Industries Association, Arlington, Virginia; and John K. Buckner, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Frank Press, Carnegie Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 15.

#### **MULTI-CHANNEL VIDEO COMPETITION**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings to examine competitiveness in the cable industry and alternatives to cable, receiving testimony from Amos B. Hostetter, Jr., Continental Cablevision, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; Gene Kimmelman, Consumer's Union, and Rupert Murdoch, News Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stanley S. Hubbard, Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### **NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction program, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Krimm, Executive Associate Director of the Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Robert Hebner, Acting Director, National Institute for Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; M. Christina Gabriel, Acting Deputy Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation; and Arch Johnston, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

#### **ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on estate and gift taxation proposals, including S. 482, to partially exclude from the gross estate of a decedent the value of a family-owned business, and S. 75 and provisions of H.R. 902, bills to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skip-

ping transfers, receiving testimony from Senators Collins, Kyl and Lugar; Representative Cox; William W. Beach, Heritage Foundation, and Harry L. Gutman, King and Spalding, both of Washington, D.C.; Drew S. Mendoza, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois; John Dudley, Comanche, Texas; Lee Ann Ferris, Ketchum, Idaho; and Gordon Perkins, LaPeer, Mississippi.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### **HONG KONG**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine United States law enforcement interests in Hong Kong, after receiving testimony from James S. Milford, Jr., Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Alan G. Ringgold, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Phyllis Coven, Director of International Affairs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice; Jeffrey A. Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; John P. Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement; and Roy Godson, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Also, committee concluded hearings to examine the outlook for Hong Kong following its planned reversion to China, focusing on the future of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Hong Kong, after receiving testimony from Martin C.M. Lee, Chairman of the Democratic Party, Hong Kong.

#### **IRS HIGH-RISK AREAS**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine Internal Revenue Service efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the program areas identified by the General Accounting Office as high-risk, receiving testimony from Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, and Michael P. Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Rona B. Stillman, Chief Scientist, Computers and Telecommunications, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; and Donald C. Alexander, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, Washington, D.C., former IRS Commissioner.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### **CHINESE ARMS PROLIFERATION**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine China's proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related

technologies, missile delivery systems, and advanced conventional weapons, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Einhorn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation/Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; James R. Lilley, University of Maryland, College Park; and Gary Milhollin, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor.

## SENATE ELECTIONS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held hearings to review certain petitions filed in connection with a contested United States Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, receiving testimony from Robert F. Bauer, Perkins Coie, and William B. Canfield, III, Williams & Jensen, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, April 15.

## HUBZONE ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, after receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, and James Hoobler, Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration; Mayor Emmanuel Cleaver, Kansas City, Missouri; Santos F. Garza, Counter Technology, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland; Peter

Homer, National Indian Business Association, and Anthony W. Robinson, Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense Education Fund, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Sandra Newman, Raritan Container, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 16.

## MEDICARE REFORM: MANAGED CARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine certain issues concerning the availability of useful information for Medicare beneficiaries attempting to choose a managed health care plan, and on proposed legislation to require beneficiaries to have access to the disenrollment rates of health plans, and to initiate a standardized format for plan information and create a comparison chart to assist the beneficiary decision making process, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Diane Archer, Medicare Rights Center, New York, New York; Helen Darling, Xerox Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences; Margaret T. Stanley, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento; and Irvin and Emelda Stuart, Bronx, New York.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 45 public bills, H.R. 1268–1312; 2 private bills, H.R. 1313–1314; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69–70, H. Con. Res. 60, and H. Res. 110–111 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1225, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states (H. Rept. 105–48);

H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission (H. Rept. 105–49 Part I); and

H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations, amended (H. Rept. 105–50). Page H1437

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Smith of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Suspension—Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1003, amended, to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 75).

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14; and agreed that when the House